



City and Borough of Sitka

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SITKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Harrigan Centennial Hall

March 10, 2021 6 p.m.

FINAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Roby Littlefield (chair), James Poulson, Ana Dittmar, Scott Saline, Bob Sam, Crystal Duncan (assembly liaison)

Absent: Chuck Miller (excused)

Staff: Amy Ainslie, Ben Mejia

Public: Paulette Moreno

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 10, 2021 minutes

M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

IV. GUESTS &/OR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Paulette Moreno invited the Commission and interested members of the public to an open house event from 1-3pm on Saturday March 13th at 4400 Halibut Point Road to watch progress on a bench being constructed in commemoration of Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich. Moreno explained that they hoped to dedicate the bench on July 4th, which was the birthday of Elizabeth Peratrovich. Sam discussed the importance of Elizabeth Peratrovich's work, her time in Sitka, and the work of her father.

V. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Mejia congratulated Sam for his reappointment to the Commission and thanked him for his continued service. Mejia informed the Commission that the Planning & Zoning Commission had reviewed the Historical, Cultural, and Arts Resources section of the Comprehensive Plan and expressed interest in arranging a collaborative effort with the Historic Preservation Commission to address some of the action items.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B. Historic Preservation Plan

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M-Poulson/S-Dittmar moved to recommend that the Historic Preservation Plan include guidance in contacting the Sitka Tribe of Alaska regarding inadvertent discovery of archaeological remains. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Mejia informed the Commission that the Historic Preservation Plan was scheduled for review from the Sitka Tribe of Alaska – Cultural Resources Committee on March 18th at 2pm.

Sam expressed interest in amending the Historic Preservation Plan to discuss the appropriate handling of the inadvertent discovery of archaeological remains. The Commission voiced support.

C. Commissioner Recruitment

Mejia told the Commission that no new applications had been received though staff continued to post the vacancy.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Annual CLG Report

The Commission reviewed the draft annual CLG report. Sam requested that the report include the restoration of the Alaska Native Brotherhood cemetery on Indian River Road using CARES Act funding. Staff responded that they would include the cemetery restoration work in the report. The Commission had no additional feedback for staff to include in the report.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

(2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6 pm **Harrigan Centennial Hall**)

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objections, Chair Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.